

July 5, 2000

D.T.E. 00-52

Petition of Bay State Gas Company for approval by the Department of
Telecommunications and Energy of renewals and modifications of certain of its Gas
Capacity Resource Portfolio Contracts

The Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") will hold a hearing on Bay State Gas Company's ("Company") petition for approval of certain of its gas capacity resource portfolio contracts. The Company alleges that Department approval of its negotiated contracts with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company and Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. will result in a better resource portfolio including: (1) elimination of capacity contracts no longer necessary to meet the needs of firm sales customers; (2) reduction of the term of contracts consistent with the Department's transition timing period; and (3) reduction of overall costs associated with needed resources. The hearing will take place at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Hearing Room B, Boston, Massachusetts on July 28, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.

The petitioner is required to give notice of said hearing by publication at least fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing date in the Boston Globe, Sun Chronicle (Attleboro), the Enterprise (Brockton), the Lawrence Eagle Tribune, and the Springfield Union News.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on

July 25, 2000. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing a substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department - not mailing - constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A § 10.

Copies of all documents that are filed with the Department, including letters, pleadings and briefs, but excluding discovery and responses to discovery, also must be provided electronically by one of two means: (a) e-mail attachment to Kimberly.Tran@state.ma.us (305-3768) using a program compatible with WordPerfect, naming the document file with a .wpd suffix and identifying in the e-mail the case caption, docket number, party and title of pleading or (b) diskette in a program compatible with WordPerfect 5.0 or higher, again identifying on the diskette the case caption, docket number, party and title of pleading.

The petitioner is also required to make return of service and publication at the time of the hearing.

By Order of the Department,

MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY